

## **Program A: Louisiana War Veterans Home**

Program Authorization: R.S. 29:381 et seq.

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The mission of the Louisiana War Veterans Home is to provide medical care, domiciliary and nursing home care to veterans.

The goal of the Louisiana War Veterans Home program is to provide the best available domiciliary and nursing home care to disabled and homeless Louisiana veterans in an effort of returning the veteran to the highest physical and mental capacity.

This program was instituted in recognition of the growing long-term health care needs of increasing numbers of Louisiana veterans who are disabled by age or disease or are otherwise incapable of caring for themselves.

The Louisiana War Veterans Home consists of one activity: Administrative.

### **OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

Unless otherwise indicated, all objectives are to be accomplished during or by the end of FY 2001-2002. Performance indicators are made up of two parts: name and value. The indicator name describes what is being measured. The indicator value is the numeric value or level achieved within a given measurement period. For budgeting purposes, performance indicator values are shown for the prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and alternative funding scenarios (continuation budget level and Executive Budget recommendation level) for the ensuing fiscal year (the fiscal year of the budget document).

1. (KEY) To maintain an occupancy rate of no less than 97% on nursing care units and no less than 20% on domiciliary units, with an overall average cost per patient day of \$97.42 and average state per patient day of \$11.07.

Strategic Link: The operational objective relates to the Louisiana War Veterans Home's strategic plan (Objective 1.1) by maximizing external sources of funding through the maintenance of a high census level thereby assuring a sufficient level of operational funding and decreasing the state's portion of the operating budget.

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: Not Applicable

Children's Cabinet Link: Not applicable

Other Link(s): Not Applicable

Explanatory Note: The Louisiana War Veterans Home provides both nursing care and domiciliary care. It has 245 Veterans Affairs recognized beds--195 for nursing care and 50 for domiciliary care.

| L<br>E<br>V<br>E<br>L | PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME                 | PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES                       |  |   |   |  |   |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|---|---|--|---|
|                       |  | YEAREND<br>PERFORMANCE<br>STANDARD<br>FY 1999-2000 | ACTUAL<br>YEAREND<br>PERFORMANCE<br>FY 1999-2000 | ACT 11<br>PERFORMANCE<br>STANDARD<br>FY 2000-2001 | EXISTING<br>PERFORMANCE<br>STANDARD<br>FY 2000-2001 | AT<br>CONTINUATION<br>BUDGET LEVEL<br>FY 2001-2002 | AT<br>RECOMMENDED<br>BUDGET LEVEL<br>FY 2001-2002 |
| K                     | Percentage occupancy - domiciliary care    | 36%  | 20.8%  | 25%   | 25%   | 20% <sup>1</sup>                                   | 20%   |
| K                     | Percentage occupancy - nursing care        | 97%  | 94.3%  | 97%   | 97%   | 97%  | 97%   |
| K                     | Average daily census - domiciliary care    | 18   | 10   | 13  | 15  | 10   | 10  |
| K                     | Average daily census - nursing care        | 190  | 184  | 189   | 189   | 189  | 189   |
| K                     | Average cost per patient day (all funds)   | <sup>2</sup> \$87.11                               | \$92.63  | \$96.79   | \$96.79   | \$102.10 <sup>3</sup>                              | \$97.42   |
| K                     | Average cost per patient day (state funds) | <sup>2</sup> \$16.55                               | \$17.06  | \$12.74   | \$12.74   | \$13.57 <sup>3</sup>                               | \$11.07   |
| S                     | Total patient days of care                 | 75,920   | 71,070   | 73,730  | 73,730  | 72,000   | 72,635  |
| S                     | Total days of care - domiciliary care      | 6,570  | 3,795  | 4,745   | 4,745   | 3,650  | 3,650   |
| S                     | Total days of care - nursing care          | 69,350   | 67,275   | 68,985  | 68,985  | 68,985   | 68,985  |

<sup>1</sup> LA War Veterans Home has no resources currently being utilized to maintain vacant domiciliary beds. Based on the demands for nursing care, the conversion of domiciliary beds to nursing beds is a worthwhile goal. However, to convert those beds, additional nursing staff is required to meet VA and DHH staffing standards. In the interim, proactive efforts are being made to fill as many domiciliary beds as possible.

<sup>2</sup> The LA War Veterans Home has no mechanism to disaggregate the costs for domiciliary care and nursing care since the costs are not separated based on the type of care provided. Thus, it is not possible to identify the cost per patient day for domiciliary care or the cost per patient day for nursing care.

<sup>3</sup> The anticipated increase in cost per patient day is due to inflationary items such as mandated merit increases, the increase in the costs of medical and other supplies, and the increase in the costs of utility and other purchased services. LA War Veterans Home administrators anticipate that veterans will require a broader range and more intense health care services as they age and their acuity level increases.

| GENERAL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION: LOUISIANA WAR VETERANS HOME |                                    |                                    |                                    |                                    |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| PERFORMANCE INDICATOR  | PRIOR YEAR<br>ACTUAL<br>FY 1995-96 | PRIOR YEAR<br>ACTUAL<br>FY 1996-97 | PRIOR YEAR<br>ACTUAL<br>FY 1997-98 | PRIOR YEAR<br>ACTUAL<br>FY 1998-99 | PRIOR YEAR<br>ACTUAL<br>FY 1999-00 |
| Percentage occupancy - nursing care                          | 97%                                | 94%                                | 96%                                | 92%                                | 97%                                |
| Percentage occupancy - domiciliary care                      | 81%                                | 68%                                | 59%                                | 39%                                | 36%                                |
| Average daily census - nursing care                          | 141                                | 136                                | 139                                | 167                                | 190                                |
| Average daily census - domiciliary care                      | 81                                 | 68                                 | 59                                 | 31                                 | 18                                 |
| Average cost per patient day (all funds)                     | \$66.00                            | \$73.94                            | \$77.86                            | \$83.16                            | \$92.63                            |
| Average cost per patient day (state funds)                   | \$5.00                             | \$7.03                             | \$12.11                            | \$17.32                            | \$17.06                            |
| Number of Veteran Affairs recognized beds -nursing care      | 145                                | 145                                | 145                                | 170                                | 195                                |
| Number of Veteran Affairs recognized beds -domiciliary care  | 100                                | 100                                | 100                                | 75                                 | 50                                 |
| Total admissions - nursing care                              | 48                                 | 78                                 | 51                                 | 105                                | 68                                 |
| Total admissions - domiciliary care                          | 26                                 | 42                                 | 11                                 | 30                                 | 2                                  |
| Total discharges - nursing care                              | Not available                      | Not available                      | 50                                 | 72                                 | 63                                 |
| Total discharge - domiciliary care                           | Not available                      | Not available                      | 39                                 | 43                                 | 13                                 |

## RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

|   | ACTUAL<br>1999- 2000 | ACT 11<br>2000 - 2001 | EXISTING<br>2000 - 2001 | CONTINUATION<br>2001 - 2002 | RECOMMENDED<br>2001 - 2002 | RECOMMENDED<br>OVER/(UNDER)<br>EXISTING |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| MEANS OF FINANCING:                             |                      |                       |                         |                             |                            |   |
| STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)                     | \$1,212,791          | \$828,121             | \$828,121               | \$880,715                   | \$801,897                  | (\$26,224)                              |
| STATE GENERAL FUND BY:                          |                      |                       |                         |                             |                            |   |
| Interagency Transfers                           | 0                    | 0                     | 0                       | 0                           | 0                          | 0                                       |
| Fees & Self-gen. Revenues                       | 2,393,925            | 2,702,999             | 2,702,999               | 2,724,227                   | 2,733,986                  | 30,987                                  |
| Statutory Dedications                           | 0                    | 0                     | 0                       | 0                           | 0                          | 0                                       |
| Interim Emergency Board                         | 0                    | 0                     | 0                       | 0                           | 0                          | 0                                       |
| FEDERAL FUNDS                                   | 2,975,130            | 3,569,898             | 3,569,898               | 3,644,097                   | 3,535,882                  | (34,016)                                |
| TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING                        | <b>\$6,581,846</b>   | <b>\$7,101,018</b>    | <b>\$7,101,018</b>      | <b>\$7,249,039</b>          | <b>\$7,071,765</b>         | <b>(\$29,253)</b>                       |
| EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:                         |                      |                       |                         |                             |                            |   |
| Salaries  | \$3,592,411          | \$4,147,223           | \$4,147,223             | \$4,142,487                 | \$4,059,637                | (\$87,586)                              |
| Other Compensation                              | 167,646              | 152,787               | 152,787                 | 152,787                     | 152,787                    | 0                                       |
| Related Benefits                                | 651,374              | 771,671               | 771,671                 | 771,489                     | 756,609                    | (15,062)                                |
| Total Operating Expenses                        | 1,335,097            | 1,159,902             | 1,159,902               | 1,231,442                   | 1,158,532                  | (1,370)                                 |
| Professional Services                           | 196,835              | 214,847               | 214,847                 | 160,708                     | 160,708                    | (54,139)                                |
| Total Other Charges                             | 426,829              | 530,215               | 530,215                 | 604,017                     | 597,383                    | 67,168                                  |
| Total Acq. & Major Repairs                      | 211,654              | 124,373               | 124,373                 | 186,109                     | 186,109                    | 61,736                                  |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST                  | <b>\$6,581,846</b>   | <b>\$7,101,018</b>    | <b>\$7,101,018</b>      | <b>\$7,249,039</b>          | <b>\$7,071,765</b>         | <b>(\$29,253)</b>                       |
| AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME<br>EQUIVALENTS: Classified | 161                  | 172                   | 172                     | 172                         | 169                        | (3)                                     |
| Unclassified                                    | 2                    | 2                     | 2                       | 2                           | 2                          | 0                                       |
| TOTAL   | <b>163</b>           | <b>174</b>            | <b>174</b>              | <b>174</b>                  | <b>171</b>                 | <b>(3)</b>                              |

## SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with State General Fund, Fees and Self-generated Revenues and Federal Funds. Fees and Self-generated Revenues are derived from the residents' ability to pay for part of their care and from employees and visitors purchasing meal tickets. Federal Funds are derived from the Veterans Administration for patient care days based on a reimbursement rate of \$22.03 per day for domiciliary care and \$51.38 per day for nursing care.

## ANALYSIS OF RECOMMENDATION

| GENERAL<br>FUND  | TOTAL              | T.O.       | DESCRIPTION   |
|------------------|--------------------|------------|---|
| <b>\$828,121</b> | <b>\$7,101,018</b> | <b>174</b> | <b>ACT 11 FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001</b>   |
|                  |                    |            | <b>BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:</b>   |
| \$0              | \$0                | 0          | None  |
| <b>\$828,121</b> | <b>\$7,101,018</b> | <b>174</b> | <b>EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET – December 15, 2000</b>  |
| \$30,711         | \$61,422           | 0          | Annualization of FY 2000-2001 Classified State Employees Merit Increase                                   |
| \$30,711         | \$61,422           | 0          | Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2001-2002   |
| \$0              | (\$1,370)          | 0          | Risk Management Adjustment  |
| \$186,109        | \$186,109          | 0          | Acquisitions & Major Repairs  |
| (\$124,373)      | (\$124,373)        | 0          | Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs  |
| (\$63,881)       | (\$127,762)        | 0          | Salary Base Adjustment  |
| (\$48,865)       | (\$97,730)         | (3)        | Attrition Adjustment  |
| (\$2,017)        | (\$4,034)          | 0          | Civil Service Fees  |
| (\$54,139)       | (\$54,139)         | 0          | Other Adjustments - Non-recurring professional service contracts  |
| \$7,048          | \$46,258           | 0          | Other Adjustments - Increased funding for laboratory and x-ray services at Villa Feliciana Medical Center |
| \$12,472         | \$24,944           | 0          | Other Adjustments - Increase in the DHH bed tax from \$5.22 to \$5.56 per occupied bed per day            |
| <b>\$801,897</b> | <b>\$7,071,765</b> | <b>171</b> | <b>GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED</b>  |

The total means of financing for this program is recommended at 99.5% of the existing operating budget. It represents 95.3% of the total request (\$7,416,055) for this program. The significant changes in total recommended and existing operating budget is primarily due to increased medical expenses. Dues to personnel reductions, three positions were eliminated.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| \$30,000         | Medical expenses for psychiatric assessments   |
| \$32,448         | Dietician services to provide clinical nutrition services for the residents  |
| \$98,260         | Other Professional Services to include a chaplain, physical therapist, dentist, priest, speech therapist, and clinical counselor |
| <b>\$160,708</b> | <b>TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>   |

## OTHER CHARGES

\$407,909    Provider based fees to be paid to the Department of Health and Hospitals on the number of occupied beds

**\$407,909    SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES**

### **Interagency Transfers:**

\$71,000    Villa Feliciana Geriatric Hospital for laboratory and x-ray procedures

\$71,200    East Louisiana State Hospital for various services including medical supplies, eye clinic consultations, emergency clinic visits, utilities, fire protection, and automotive supplies

\$29,991    Jackson Regional Laundry for laundry charges

\$17,283    Department of Civil Service and Comprehensive Public Training Program (CPTP)

**\$189,474    SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS**

**\$597,383    TOTAL OTHER CHARGES**

## ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

\$37,791    Replacement of office and computer equipment

**\$37,791    TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS**